

REMARKS

This response is submitted in reply to the Final Office Action mailed on May 4, 2006. Claims 1-3 and 5-42 are pending in the patent application. Claim 1-3 and 5-14 have been identified as including allowable subject matter. Claims 17-41 were previously withdrawn. Claims 15 and 42 have been amended. No new matter has been added by this response.

In the Final Office Action, the Patent Office rejected claims 15-16 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the Patent Office states that claim 15 was amended to recite the step of “coupling said pin to a cam plate.” The Patent Office states that this phrase is unclear and does not correspond to what is disclosed in the specification. Additionally, the Patent Office states that claim 42 recites “said actuating mechanism including a plurality of cam plates” where the original disclosure only discloses two plates. Applicants have amended claims 15 and 42 to clarify these claims in accordance with the specification.


For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the § 112 issues identified by the Patent Office with respect to claims 15-16 and 42 have been removed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 15-16 and 42 are in condition for allowance.

In light of the above, Applicants submit that claims 15-16 and 42, as well as allowed claims 1-3 and 5-14, are patentable over the art of record because the cited art does not disclose, teach or suggest the subject matter of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that claims 15-16 and 42 also be deemed allowable at this time and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

No fees are due. If any other fees are due in connection with this application, the Patent Office is authorized to deduct the fees from Deposit Account No. 19-1351. If such a withdrawal is made, please indicate the attorney docket number (37787-459090) on the account statement.

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